17th & 19th OF NOVEMBER – STARFIRES UPDATE CHRISTMAS PARADE INFORMATION, ETC.



PLEASE READ <u>ALL INFORMATION, CAREFULLY!</u> DETAILS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS AND FOR PARENTS!

- TODAY: 1) DEADLINE FOR ENTRY FEES & WAIVERS! (Dec. 10 Comp.)
 - 2) NEW UNIFORMS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

NO CLASSES: Thurs. Nov. 24th or Sat. Nov. 26th. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

<u>MANDATORY CLASSES</u>: Thurs. Dec. 1st & 8th and Sats. Dec. 3rd & *10th (short) * (On Sat. Dec. 10th: Jr. Prep-9 to 9:45 (on time, please!) Srs.& Team Blue 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. (Everyone will meet at Liberty H.S. at 12:00 noon. Details forthcoming.)

<u>LATE FEES</u>: A few students have not paid lesson fees which were due NOV. 5^{TH} ! This can affect whether you perform or not, and whether you receive your uniform.

SAT. DEC. 3RD: Regular Sat. classes for Jr. Prep & Seniors and Christmas Parade!! PARADE TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED THIS YEAR! -LINEUP TIME: Arrive NO LATER THAN 4:30! (See the Map for Parking!) -STREETS will be closed to through traffic at 4:30. Parade vehicles only. -LINEUP LOCATION: ON Charlotte St., between Caroline St. & Princess Anne St. -PARENT BRIGADE: ONLY appointed parents may walk in the street w/Starfires! Others may walk along sidewalk or, please be at the Judges Stand! (See Map.) -STUDENTS must remain w/their instructors & Brigade. No restrooms without permission and chaperone! STAY TOGETHER! It will be cold, wear a COAT! -UNIFORMS: FULL UNIFORM, hair in high ponytail w/bows (SRS. Blue & Orange ribbons), turtle neck (white for Jrs. & Mightys/Orange for Jr. Prep/Blue for Seniors), orange briefs, hose, gloves POMS: Iridescent for SRS! Everyone else, orange poms! Those who have white thermal tops may wear them under your t-neck. If not, may wear a t-shirt under t-neck. ALSO, as stated in Sept., Mightys & Jrs. Should have white (only) sweat pants with them, in case of severely cold weather! They must have sweats! -COATS may remain on students until Instructors decide that they must be removed. Coats will be placed in the Banner Car (NOT the truck)! They will be handed out at the end of the parade. (NO GUM, NO heavy jewelry, NO dangling earrings) **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT! PARENTS MUST PICK UP STUDENTS BELOW THE RAILROAD OVERPASS (END OF PRINCESS ANNE ST.) IMMEDIATELY!** The Starfires are in the beginning of the Parade! Therefore, they will pass the Judges Stand on Princess Anne shortly after the J.M. Band. After watching & cheering for the Starfires at the judges stand, MOVE IMMEDIATELY to meet them at the end of the parade! (SEE MAP) We cannot hold student while you watch the parade. Please get them, take them with you back to see the rest of the parade. Last year, we had to take students to the Police Station, because they were not picked-up. WE WILL NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO WALK UP THE STREET TO MEET YOU! NOT A GOOD IDEA! As you can tell, we have had problems in this area. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. (Parade begins at 5:30. Pick-up no later than 6:00!)



<u>AWARDS</u>: Will be given out in the same place that Starfires lined up, in the Visitors Center Parking Lot! This is immediately after the parade is completed. Parade is Approximately one and one half hours long.

If any one of the Starfires groups win a prize in this parade, we consider that ALL STARFIRES GROUPS have won. This is because of the way we must enter, and the judges see the entire group. Therefore, if one Starfires groups name is called, then consider everyone will be eligible for a trophy! I need a volunteer to attend the awards ceremony at the end of the parade. Let Terry know, NOW. Please call me and let me know whether we won or not, after the awards. 373-2297.

<u>TROPHIES</u>: If the girls win anything in the parade, trophy orders will be taken ON 2 DATES ONLY! THURS. DEC. 8TH & SAT. DEC. 10TH.-- \$10.00 payable Starfires. We will let you know about delivery.

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STARFIRES WEBSITE: <u>www.fredericksburgva.gov</u> click on parks & recreation, then click on Starfires (right hand side of page) Information is updated weekly.

